

Chairs and Committee members:

My name is Robert Starr and I am a lifelong resident of Torrington.

I write to you today in **OPPOSITION to H.B.-5663**, AN ACT ESTABLISHING AN EXCISE TAX ON AMMUNITION TO PROVIDE FUNDING FOR COMMUNITY GUN VIOLENCE AND INTERVENTION PROGRAM GRANTS.

This proposal is just wrong-headed in my opinion. It seeks to take money from a select group of law abiding citizens in order to fund a program that will attempt to benefit the public at large. It seems to me that if that is where the benefit goes, then that is where the funding should come from. Connecticut already has too many specialty taxes and fees in place. This feels punitive in intent and it should be plain to anyone that the only people who will ever pay this tax are the ones that have jumped through all of the legal hoops required by the state in order to purchase ammunition lawfully.

Thank you for your time and attention in allowing me to express my view.